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Dear Sir:

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. No copy of the U.S. documents are provided as the Patent Office has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

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- (1) Higashino, U.S. Patent No. 6,716,002 B2, issued April 6, 2004;
- (2) Chow et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,447,661 B1, issued September 10, 2002;
- (3) Chow et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,192,559 B2, issued March 20, 2007;
- (4) Sando et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,838, 055 B2, issued January 4, 2005;
- (5) Lennon et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,734,424 B2, issued May 11, 2004;
- (6) Fujii et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0200724 A1, published October 14, 2004;
- (7) Burns et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0172969 A1, published November 21, 2002;
- (8) Plewa et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0247866 A1, published November 10, 2005;
- (9) Petersen et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0042125 A1, published April 11, 2002;
- (10) Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-214241 (A) (MINOLTA CO LTD), published July 31, 2002; and
- (11) Japanese Patent No. 3120466 (B2), issued October 20, 2000.

These references were cited in the prosecution of U.S. Application Serial No. 11/024,592.

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